

641—7.6(139A) Proof of immunization.

7.6(1) Applicants, or their parents or guardians, shall submit a valid Iowa department of public health certificate of immunization to the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center in which the applicant wishes to enroll. To be valid, the certificate shall be the certificate of immunization issued and provided by the department, a computer-generated copy from the immunization registry, or a certificate of immunization which has been approved in writing by the department and shall be signed by a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant directed to sign by a supervising physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. A faxed copy, photocopy, or electronic copy of the valid certificate is acceptable. The judgment of the adequacy of the applicant's immunization history should be based on records kept by the person signing the certificate of immunization or personal knowledge of the applicant's immunization history, or comparable immunization records from another person or agency, or an international certificate of vaccination, or the applicant's personal health records. If personal health records are used to make the judgment, the records shall provide the vaccine(s) administered and the date given. Persons validating the certificate of immunization are not held responsible for the accuracy of the information used to validate the certificate of immunization if the information is from sources other than their own records or personal knowledge.

7.6(2) Persons wishing to enroll who do not have a valid Iowa department of public health certificate of immunization available to submit to the admitting official shall be referred to a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant directed by a supervising physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner to obtain a valid certificate.